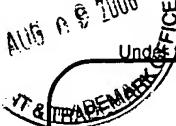


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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Honorable Sir:

Applicant submits this summary of the telephone interviews between Examiner Redman and applicant's counsel that occurred on June 21 and July 12, 2006, in regard to the first Office Action on the merits of June 9, 2006. The interviews dealt with the withdrawal of claims 1-11 in the first Office Action.

The Examiner stated that he had measured in Fig. 2A a difference in the width between the driver 22 and the receiver 34 of approximately 1/16". From this the

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Examiner concluded that the driver 22 and receiver 34 could not be brought into contact with one another, as independent claim 1 requires.

It was applicant's position, however, that 1/16" would be enough space to allow for bringing the driver 22 into contact with the receiver 34. Furthermore, applicant asserted that patent drawings are not intended to define precise proportions of the elements of the invention and that the specification must be utilized in conjunction with the drawings, as the courts have decided in *In re Chitayat*, 161 USPQ 224 (CCPA 1969) and *Hockerson-Halberstadt Inc. v. Avia Group International Inc.*, 55 USPQ2d 1487 (CAFC 2000).

Applicant cited, for example, the following locations in the specification that support claims 1-11 being illustrated in Figs. 1, 2A, 3, and 4.

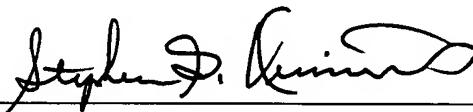
At page 5, lines 10-12 it states that the movement of the slider panel 46 is smooth, at page 6, lines 6-10 it states that the surfaces 24,26,36,38 are not rigidly attached, at page 6, lines 15-19 it states that the present invention allows for substantial misalignment, at page 7, line 5-10 it states that the contact surfaces are brought into non-attached pushing or pulling mechanical contact, and at page 7, lines 12-17 it states that first and second drive bumpers 42, 44 are disposed on the receiver contact surfaces 36,38, so as to cushion the mechanical impact forces that would be applied to the receiver contact surfaces 36, 38 by the mechanical contact from the driver contact surfaces 24, 26.

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There is no mention in the disclosure of a "friction fit" or "tolerances" as the Examiner further asserted in the telephone interviews.

Thus, applicant respectfully asserted that the patent drawings do properly illustrate that the driver 22 and the receiver 34 can be brought into contact with one another (as independent claim 1 requires), that the drawings are not intended to define precise proportions of the elements of the invention, that the specification must be utilized in conjunction with the drawings, and that all claims 1-13 read on species-Group I (Figs. 1, 2A, 3, 4).

Respectfully submitted,



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